

Change Your Clocks...Change Your Batteries!!



Remember that Daylight Savings Time has been expanded. The DST period will now be March 11 - November 4. Previously, DST was April 1 - October 28.

The Carmel Fire Department encourages you to check the operation of all your Smoke Detectors and your Carbon Monoxide Detectors in your home.

Check that the detector works properly and change the batteries in your detectors twice a year, every time you change your clocks.

Likewise, consider or research the age or manufacture date of your detectors. We recommend that you replace your detectors after 10 years of operational life which helps ensure the reliability of your detectors to maximize the protection of your family and property.

Finally, please consider covering the two contacts on the top of your 9 volt battery with a small piece of electrical tape or the original plastic contact cover if you discard the old battery in the trash. It is possible and it has been documented that a fire can result from a small amount of residual energy still present in the battery which can cause heat build up if the contacts touch other batteries or pieces of metal in the trash bag or can.

Instead of discarding your batteries in the trash the Carmel Fire Department recommends that you take old batteries to a local battery store for them to recycle or bring in your old batteries to the Carmel Clay Household Hazardous Waste Department for proper disposal.

Thank you and be safe!!